## **AUDIT COMMITTEE ACTION SHEET**

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Agenda Item No.	Report	Action Required	Responsible Officer	Action Taken		
6	Certification of Grant Claims and Returns 2010/11	Update to be brought to the first Audit Committee meeting following the September claim returns.	C Everett / K Feather	To be brought to Audit Committee in December.		
7	Report on Internal Audit (WAO)	Following the failure to fill one of the vacant audit posts, CE and KF to discuss with DW and the result to be communicated to the Chair and Vice-Chair then brought to the next meeting.	D Webster	Discussion took place. Updated plan to allow for some extra resource and reductions to some projects included in the papers for this meeting.		
		Report on items deferred from the plan to be brought to next meeting.	D Webster	Paper provided to this meeting.		
8	Risk Management Update	To consider possible refinements to the use of RAG status, including suggestion of up & down arrows.	C Everett / K Armstrong	To be considered as part of the updated Risk Strategy, to be brought to the committee in December.		

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10	Final Reports & Performance Indicators	DW to provide written response to PW query on process if any adverse data is flagged up by Equifax and how this is acted upon.	D Webster	Response given to July meeting.		
		A report is made to a future meeting with suggested new Performance Indicators.	D Webster	Report given to July meeting. Now in operation, Appendix D in Progress Report.		
		DW to report back to the committee following concerns on the late implementation date (April 2013) on Traffic Management Act - p.115	D Webster	Response given to July meeting.		
11	Operational Audit Plan & Recommendation Tracking	recommend that Cabinet	G Owens / C Guest	To be taken to Cabinet in October 2012.		

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	back to the Audit Committee including more detail on the constraints for the appointment and on the remit and monitoring of consultants to help give		Interim procedures provided to the Audit Manager in time for the July meeting, see July action 3.	
	the July 2012 meeting		Report presented to the July committee.	
			Wording changed in the Operational Plan.	
			To be completed in reports to committee from December 2012.	
	Report	That a report be made back to the Audit Committee including more detail on the constraints for the appointment and on the remit and monitoring of consultants to help give assurance that proper procedures are in place; and  That a report be made to the July 2012 meeting with a draft new format report for consideration.  Page 137 - DW to clarify wording on 'external audit reliance' for future reports.  Future reports to include details of concerns for the committee to focus	That a report be made back to the Audit Committee including more detail on the constraints for the appointment and on the remit and monitoring of consultants to help give assurance that proper procedures are in place; and  That a report be made to the July 2012 meeting with a draft new format report for consideration.  Page 137 - DW to clarify wording on 'external audit reliance' for future reports.  Future reports to include details of concerns for the committee to focus	

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3	Minutes of Previous Meeting	That the Internal Audit Manager circulate to the Committee the interim procedures on monitoring of consultants;	D Webster	Interim procedures circulated on 20 <sup>th</sup> July.
		That the Internal Audit Manager provide clarification on any 'significant changes in financial performance' of companies reported by Credit Safe; and	D Webster	Clarification provided by e mail on 20 <sup>th</sup> July – we receive information from Creditsafe on all changes.
		That the RAG status be reviewed for refinements and proposals brought back to the Committee at a future meeting.	C Everett	To be considered as part of the updated Risk Strategy, to be brought to the committee in December.

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3	Minutes of previous meeting	Chair & Vice-Chair to meet with CE to discuss concerns on appraisals.	C Everett	The Head of Finance has met with the Chair of the Audit Committee. Appraisals for staff in the Finance Division are scheduled for September – November 2012 to co-incide with the implementation of the Finance Review.  The Head of HR has reviewed the tracking report to the Committee which was reporting on progress with an audit on appraisals carried out in June 2011. The Appraisal system and accompanying policy guidance is currently being reviewed by the HR Policy Officer and will be implemented by the agreed date of December 2012. The other actions on the plan were implemented by the agreed deadline.
4	Draft Statement of Accounts	That the planned provision of drop-in sessions over the summer period, subject to Members' consideration at Audit Committee, be arranged.	G Ferguson	A letter was sent to all members inviting them to drop in sessions on 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> September.
		p.2 Query on difference in underspend figures. GF to provide reconciliation to Cllr Jones.	G Ferguson	A response was provided to Cllr Jones on 16 <sup>th</sup> August.

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4	Draft Statement of Accounts	p.9 Cllr Bateman's query on reason for increased amount for vehicles, plant, furniture & equipment. GF agreed to respond separately.	G Ferguson	This was subsequently dealt with at the end of the meeting on 17 <sup>th</sup> July.		
		p.73 Vice-Chair's query on what was being done about increase in rent arrears.	C Everett	To be shared with the Vice Chair on his return.		
		p.55 AD Waste - Chair requested an update on the company's liquidation.	K Feather / G Ferguson	A written response will be provided to the Chair prior to the meeting.		

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5	Annual Governance Statement	That the Annual Governance Statement attached to the Statement of Accounts be approved subject to two amendments:  (a) To clearly indicate at the start the five sections; and  (b) The first sentence under Section 2 to be amended to reflect the involvement of staff and other resources.	P Evans	AGS updated for the two amendments. To be presented to Council on 25 <sup>th</sup> September.		
6	Statutory Guidance on the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011	That Mr Huw Lloyd Jones of WAO meet with CE & KF to discuss value for money.  A report to be brought back in the Autumn on the relative roles of the Audit Committee and the Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee in relation to the Financial affairs of the Council, following the LG measure.	C Everett / K Feather  K Feather	Discussion took place with WAO at the quarterly regulatory meeting on 6 <sup>th</sup> August. This will be the subject of further discussion as the Council's approach to VFM is developed.  A report will be made to the next meeting of the Audit Committee, following discussion with the Chair and Vice Chair of both committees.		

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8	Report Format	That the new format and level of information provided in the report be accepted subject to further ongoing review.		
		Final Reports - to reinstate 'manager responsible' column.	D Webster	Actioned.
		Operational Plan - to define the different types referred to. Also column titles to be repeated where table continues to next page.	D Webster	Actioned.
		Recommendation Tracking - to include column & footnote for auditor's comment on non-implementation and to include reference numbers of reports. Cross-reference p.177- 179 with p.197 - DW to re-insert information taken out.	D Webster	Actioned.